

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
Intradepartmental Memorandum

TO: Borough Superintendents

DATE: October 6, 1953

FROM: Commissioner Bernard J. Gillroy

SUBJECT: Drop Curbs

The following minimum distances between drop curbs and light poles or hydrants are to be required when new drop curbs are installed, so as to avoid injury to the hydrants and poles.

Also to provide safety for pedestrians using the sidewalk adjacent to drop curbs, a restriction on the maximum length of drop curb and the minimum distance between long drop curbs, are necessary.

Compliance with the following regulations shall be required except where in the opinion of the superintendent undue hardship would result, in which case the provisions may be modified provided adequate pedestrian safety is maintained.

1. The distance from the splay of a drop curb to a light pole or lamp post shall be not less than five (5) feet unless the approval of the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity is obtained for the shorter distance.
2. The distance from the splay of a drop curb to a hydrant shall be not less than five (5) feet unless the approval of the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity is obtained for the shorter distance.
3. The maximum length of a drop curb shall be thirty (30) feet and where the sum of the lengths of adjoining drop curbs for one (1) lot is more than thirty (30) feet a safety area of at least five (5) feet shall be provided for each thirty (30) feet of drop curb.
4. At the intersection of two streets, a drop curb shall be at least five (5) feet in back of the building line of the other street.

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/s/ Bernard J. Gillroy
Commissioner

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